

Appropriations Committee
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HB 5014, An Act Making Adjustments to State Expenditures and Revenues for the fiscal Year Ending 6/30/13 reflects the fare increases for ADA, Train and Bus Services. Though incremental, the increases make it more difficult for many to use them.

I am greatly concerned about proposed lessening of the Budget for Bus, ADA Door to Door Service, and Bus Service in Connecticut. A resident of Stamford, I am dependent on the CT Transit Bus here, as well as the ADA Door to Door service. Though I have not used trains in a long while, efficient Trains should be available throughout the State as well as accessible parking.

I understand the traffic on I-95 and other main roads is lengthy and difficult. To arrive on time, better Train and Bus service should be provided. The January increase in both Bus and Train Fares should improve and increase availability for Mass Transit. Governor Dannel Malloy knows companies either leave Stamford or do not move here because of traffic difficulties.

I support HB 5067. The money collected because of bus and rail fare increases should not go to the General Fund. Commuters are anxiously waiting for the newer, better Train Cars. Their arrival will encourage more people to use trains rather than using their cars often alone.

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